

Music: How are sounds made? How can sound change? In music we will continue to build on the work from last half term and continue to explore pitch, tempo and pulse.

The main focus for music this half term will be learning the songs for our Christmas Production - "Lights, Camel, Action!" Remember to bring in a blank CD if you want to practise these wonderful songs at home.

ICT: The children will be using their research skills to find facts all about Spain such as famous landmarks, significant cities, culture and food. They will apply their knowledge of E-Safety to research safely online. In small groups they will create their very own postcards from Spain using green screen technology.

RE: The focus this half term will be Judaism. The children will learn about the religion, beliefs and their festival of Hanukkah. They watch videos about how Jewish children celebrate Hanukkah as well as learning all about the Menorah. They will compare different faith celebrations.

Geography: This half term the children will become 'Geographers' as they learn all about the country of Spain. Children will use map and atlas skills to study the continents and oceans of the world, as well as countries that are located close to Spain using simple directional language. The children will look at why Spain is one of the most popular destinations for tourists and use this to inspire a piece of persuasive writing.

We will look at popular Spanish pastimes such as flamenco dance, bull fighting and football, along with learning all about the traditional Spanish cuisines of tapas and paella during our trip to El Torero. A key focus during this topic will be working alongside our partner school in La Denia, Spain. Children will get a chance to compare everyday life in Newcastle, to that experienced in Spain, by children of a similar age.

Hola!



Science: We will continue our work on plants by designing our very own farms and explaining what we have chosen to grow and what they need to thrive. Children will also get a chance to use their measuring skills to investigate the different sizes of leaves found in our school area. We will also 'work scientifically' by investigating floating and sinking in relation to a range of fruit. Finally, children will investigate the best way to make a parachute and describe their conclusions.

Spanish: This half term the children will continue to learn numbers 0-20 along with practising asking and saying their names and different greetings. New learning will include the days of the week. We are encouraging the children to use as much Spanish as possible in day to day life by saying the register in Spanish, asking them to choose their lunch bands in Spanish, asking how they are feeling and if they would like a drink.

Art and DT: The children will learn about and study the Spanish artist Pablo Picasso. The children will explore different artist techniques including cubism. There will be several opportunities to produce pieces of art work inspired by Picasso. They will work with a range of different mediums and will explore the way in which colour can affect mood, atmosphere and feelings.

PSHCE: This half term the children will spend time looking at feelings and emotions. We will look at recognising these and discuss ways in which to deal with negative feelings and emotions in an effective way. We will identify and respect the differences and similarities between people and celebrate other cultures and traditions.